

is designed to generally conform to the average wearer's forehead. Ear handles 301, 304 are attached to either vertical side of the flat planar surface and extend outwardly. The ear handles 301, 304 are curved so that when folded back at their attachment point, they will fit over the wearer's ears, holding the goggles in place. At the bottom of the flat, planar surface are two eye openings 303, 305 which allow the wearer to see. These openings can be provided with clear plastic lenses to protect the wearer's eyes from the chemical hair treatment. A pad 302 similar to those depicted in FIGS. 1 or 2 is then attached to the rear of the flat, planar surface so that the invention holds the pad against the wearer's forehead.

FIG. 4 shows a side view of an embodiment similar to that shown in FIG. 3 in position when used. This embodiment involves a more flexible support structure 400 for the pad, such that the support structure readily conforms to the wearer's forehead and face. Referring to FIGS. 3 and 4 one eye opening 305 is shown with a lens 402 in place.

FIG. 5 shows a side view of another embodiment of the invention, with the layers peeled apart. The pad 500 consists of several layers attached to their adjacent layer. A highly absorbent chemical retainer layer 501, composed of cotton, paper, or other polymer based material is attached to an impermeable layer 502. The impermeable layer 502 is attached to an adhesive layer 503. The adhesive layer 503 provides a means for attaching the pad 500 to the wearer's head. Further, the absorbent layer may be constructed with air gaps which serve as capillaries so as to increase the absorbency and total retention of the pad.

FIG. 6 shows a rear view of another embodiment of the invention 701. Here the protective apparatus consists of a flat, planar absorbent material such as blotting paper which rests against the wearer's forehead. The absorbent material is attached to an impermeable layer. The apparatus is held in place by ear handles 700, 702 which extend outwardly in opposite directions from the sides of the apparatus and are designed to be folded back at right angles and rest against the wearer's ears. The absorbent material is held against the forehead and the user wears the apparatus as one would a pair of goggles.

FIG. 7 shows a side view of another embodiment of the invention. This embodiment consists of any variety of the individual pads previously described. These pads are attached in series to form a single, continuous strip of pads. Each individual pad is separable from the others by a prepunched mark or line 603, enabling the user to tear off individual pads 602 as needed. These pads 602 may then be removed from the support 601 which holds the series together. This embodiment facilitates convenient storage and retrieval of the pads in the form of a roll 600.

While the invention has been described, disclosed, illustrated and shown in various terms and certain embodiments,

the scope of the invention is not intended to be, nor should it be deemed to be, limited thereby and such other modifications or embodiments as may be suggested by the teachings herein are particularly reserved especially as they fall within the breadth and scope of the claims here appended.

I claim:

1. A protective covering for the scalp, facial skin, eyes, mouth and nostrils of a person comprising:
 - an absorbent, flat pad having a planar surface with a top edge and two side edges;
 - said top edge profiled to follow the average hairline;
 - said planar surface extending downwardly and outwardly from the top edge;
 - further comprising:
 - a lining having an exterior surface and an interior surface;
 - said lining being fixedly attached to and partially surrounding the pad;
 - said pad being vertically longer than the lining, allowing the top edge of the pad to extend beyond the lining.
2. The protective covering of claim 1, wherein the pad includes a means of holding said pad on the forehead of a person, directly under the hairline.
3. The protective covering of claim 2, wherein the pad is constructed with air gaps which act as capillaries.
4. The protective covering of claim 1, further comprising:
 - an adhesive layer fixedly attached to the exterior surface of the lining.
5. The protective covering of claim 4, wherein the pad is constructed with air gaps which act as capillaries.
6. The protective covering of claim 1, wherein the pad is constructed with air gaps which act as capillaries.
7. The protective covering of claim 1, wherein said pad comprises:
 - an absorbent layer having two sides;
 - an impermeable layer having two sides, one side of the impermeable layer being fixedly attached to an adjacent side of the absorbent layer.
8. The protective covering of claim 7 further comprising:
 - an adhesive layer fixedly attached to an adjacent side of the impermeable layer.
9. The protective covering of claim 7, wherein the absorbent layer is constructed with air gaps which act as capillaries.
10. The protective covering of claim 8, wherein the absorbent layer is constructed with air gaps which act as capillaries.

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